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## REGULAR OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

### SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
AWANA 4:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Supper 6:00 - 6:40 p.m.  
Teens Ring 6:30 p.m.  
Mission Friends 7:00 p.m.  
R.A. and G.A. 7:00 p.m.  
Youth 7:00 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
Choir Practice 8:00 p.m.

### CHURCH STAFF

Dave Atwater, Pastor  
Victor Quick, Minister of Music  
Mayling Blackwood, Ministry Assistant

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION  
MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

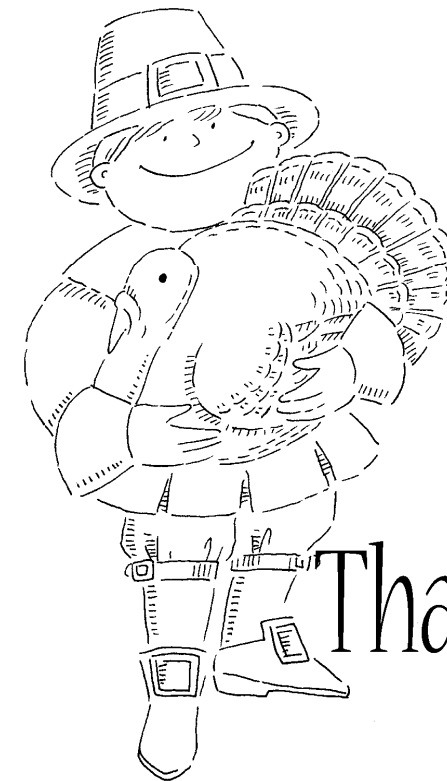
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# Thanksgiving

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**  
**LOVE GOD. EXALT CHRIST. SEEK HIS WILL. SERVE HIS PURPOSE.**

# News

**Antioch's Fall Country Breakfast/Craft Sale/Bake Sale** is scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 6:30 - 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone who is willing is invited to donate a craft and/or baked goods. Those donated last November were outstanding and we hope lots of us are working on a craft for this year. Judy Atwater has graciously agreed to head up the craft/bake sale again. If you have not already been asked and would be interested in helping with the Breakfast, please contact Bill Heizer at 929-6834 or put your name on the sign-up sheet on the Sunday School bulletin board in the Education Building. Thanks.  
Country Breakfast Steering Committee

## Brunswick Stew, Pecans, and the Orange Correctional Chapel

About 85 people attended the Dedication of the Orange Correctional Chapel, known as "The Peace Center" on Wednesday morning, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Hillsborough Correctional site. Chaplain Ken Barker opened the Dedication with prayer for all the people who have worked so hard for the past "20" years to raise funds for this \$250,000 project (i.e. selling Brunswick Stew, pecans, etc.).

It was mentioned that 37 churches and over 500 hundred individuals have contributed money, time, etc. to make this project feasible. Two churches in Chapel Hill gave initial \$25,000 leadership donations. Antioch should be very proud of your commitment and contributions via Brunswick Stew and pecan sales over the past 15 years. The next Antioch Pecan and Brunswick Stew will be held on Saturday, November 14th. The prices will be the same: \$7.50/qt for Brunswick Stew and \$10/lb for pecans.

Rev. Ken Barker emphasized that your faith and perseverance have made this project possible. Rev. Richard Edens from Chapel Hill Church of Christ gave the keynote address, and three (3) of the inmates provided a musical program with several beautiful hymns.

It is interesting to note that Buckner Steel will donate and provide the men and the equipment to erect the pre-fab building. Eddie Williams, CEO of Buckner Steel, represented Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. It was a beautiful ceremony!

A. Gordon Neville

# November 2009

Missions:  
Christmas Gift Bags,  
Operation Christmas Child

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	2	3 7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Meeting	4 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Teens Ring, Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	5	6	7
8 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA 5:00 p.m. Church Council 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting	9 6:30 p.m. Men's Club Meeting	10	11 Office Closed 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Teens Ring, Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	12	13	14
15 Samaritan Purse Collection 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA	16 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting	17 Newsletter submissions due in the office	18 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Teens Ring 7:00 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	19	20	21 Antioch Country Breakfast and Craft Sale
22 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA	23 7:00 p.m. Budget and Finance Meeting	24 Community Thanksgiving Service	25 All Activities Cancelled	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28
29 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA	30					

# News & Opportunities

## Preparing the Next Generation

More than three decades ago, Dr. John Westerhoff wrote a little book that struggled with the future direction of Christian education. Its title raised the question that ought to be on every adult believer's mind: "Will Our Children Have Faith?" He concluded that the familiar "schooling-instructional" method needed to be replaced with one in which the whole community of faith would be involved, and children would be "enculturated" through ritual, tradition, experience and action as well. Regardless of the method we use, however, our responsibility to "train up our children" is still the same.

Here at Antioch, we attempt to do that in a variety of ways. There are the traditional Southern Baptist programs like Sunday School, "Royal Ambassadors," and "Girls in Action." There are periodic emphases like Vacation Bible School, summer camps, mission trips, and "Acquire the Fire." We have a regular "children's church" on Sunday morning. There are even activities like our chimes choirs. And, hopefully, we are also educating them through our examples as well. One of our most effective and promising programs, however, is AWANA.

For those still unfamiliar with this ministry and its "strange" name, AWANA is an acronym which stands for "*Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed*" (a reference to 2 Timothy 2:15). The program itself is challenging, Bible-centered, and children love it. It offers lots of different activities and options – from Bible quizzing, to games and relays, to even a "pinewood derby" type competition where children build and race their own cars. In many ways, this is like a year-round "Vacation Bible School" filled with energy, fellowship and spiritual growth.

If you have children (or grandchildren), how are they learning about the Christian faith? How are you involved in that process?

Our AWANA program is now in its third year. We have made a lot of progress, but there is much more we could do... with your help. If you agree that children are the key to the future of our faith, we hope you will get involved with us in this exciting ministry. (Continued)

(Continued) Help make a difference as you train, equip and shape character for the future. We can provide the training. Just talk to the pastor, to our AWANA Commander (Pat Cecil), or to another AWANA volunteer.

## Antioch now has two chime choirs.

A chime choir for 3rd graders through age 12 that meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays during Children's Church. And, a chime choir, Teens Ring, for 13 year olds through high school that meets each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the upstairs area behind the baptistry. Now is a great time to join these choir — no "music" knowledge or experience is necessary.

Dear Antioch Church Family,  
Thank you for your many expressions of love and sympathy in the death of my mom. Thank you also for your kindness to her when she lived in White Cross — she enjoyed worshiping at Antioch and appreciated so much your friendship.

Becky Smith



## Young at Heart

Tuesday, November 10th  
11:30 a.m.

Carolina Vein Center  
Guest Speaker

Covered Dish at Antioch

If you have any questions, please call  
Peggy Tripp at (919) 929-4481.

**Samaritan's Purse Volunteers:** November 30 is our date to prepare Christmas Gift Boxes. See Pat Neville for more information.

# News & Opportunities

## OUR MISSION PROJECTS THIS MONTH:

Our mission projects for November will be collecting items for Christmas gift bags, and Operation Christmas Child.

If you would be willing to assist, please see Robin Farrell or call the church office.

## Gift Bags: November 30

We will be collecting items for gift bags to be distributed by the Deacons at Christmas at Crescent Green Assisted Living. Each month different items will be collected. Items highlighted for November will be new men and women socks (any color), sugar-free candy and gum, hand lotion, snack crackers, combs, and holiday pins.

## Operation Christmas Child: November 15

The final collection will take place during the Children's Sermon on November 15th. Experience the joy of Christmas by sharing a shoebox gift-filled for a child. Imagine the excitement children from all over the world feel when they receive your gift and the message of God's greatest gift, Jesus Christ.

Collection boxes will be located at the Welcome Center in the Sanctuary, and the hallway between the Education Building and Sanctuary.

To volunteer, call the church office or see Robin Farrell.

**And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.**  
*1 Corinthians 13:13, NIV*

## November 2009 Nursery Schedule

- Sun. 1st:** Pam Durham, Allison Stokely, Kim Dunn, Karen Whitfield
- Wed. 4th:** Libby Bennett
- Sun. 8th:** Dawn Ward, Sandy Jefferson, Mark Lloyd, Lyn Lloyd
- Wed. 11th:** Pat Cecil
- Sun. 15th:** Becky Stone, Taylor Stone, Cindi Atwater, Darla Stokely
- Wed. 18th:** Pat Tayloe
- Sun. 22nd:** Casey Ward, Lynn Strickland, Allyson Cecil, Charlene Williams
- Wed. 25th:** Libby Bennett
- Sun. 29th:** Sherry Webster, Arielle Webster, Kim Dunn, Karen Whitfield

If you know of someone who would like to receive a tape of the Sunday morning worship service, please give the name and address to the church office.

## Sunday School

One of our primary concerns here at Antioch is equipping people to meet the challenges of daily life. One of the most important ways we do that is through the study and application of God's word. And the basis of our educational program is Sunday School. If you aren't involved, you're missing a great opportunity to learn the basics. We have classes for most age groups, and are looking to start others. We would love to have you as a regular participant. It meets at 9:45 every Sunday morning.

**Next newsletter submission is November 17.**

## A Message From The Pastor:

“LET GO AND LET GOD”

The slogan is one often associated with Alcoholics Anonymous and various other “12-step” programs. For years, I viewed it with mixed feelings. Sure, there are things in my life I can’t control, and I recognize my need for God’s forgiveness. There are also some things I’ve had to “let go” in order to get on with life. Still, the philosophy always seemed to me to be a bit of a “cop out.” It was almost as if it was advising, “Why work hard and take responsibility for making things (myself included) better? Just sit back and wait for God to clean up the mess! No muss; no fuss; no problem!”

Then I began reading a book by noted educator Dr. John Westerhoff. Speaking of the education process, he wrote, “The most difficult thing for a teacher ... is to be willing to wait patiently for a question; that is, to neither resist or run until the learner is ready.” He went on to explain that:

“When we swim, we always pit our will against the water, and the water eventually wins. But if we float, we survive. Floating is not passively doing nothing. It is an action of cooperating with the water. ...It is one of the most difficult things to learn because we want so badly to be in control.

“Perhaps our most foundational or original sin is the desire to be in control, and the conviction that we can and should be in control. To that extent, we all manifest addictive behavior.”

I still see the danger. (I guess any good idea can be distorted.) But Dr. Westerhoff reminded me of an important lesson. Often, the resistance to “letting go and letting God” is not a willingness to accept responsibility, but rather a determination to act as though I am God.

God’s Word, and even life itself, reminds me that my control is only an illusion. Instead of wrestling God for control, it’s wiser to recognize my need, and ask for His guidance. Then, in my relationships with others, I could also seek to become a better listener, and to encourage deeper questions. Maybe I could even join others on the journey to maturity rather than acting as though I possess all knowledge and have arrived at perfection. Come to think of it, wasn’t that Paul’s conclusion in Philippians 3:13-14? ...And wasn’t their refusal to do that one of the reasons Jesus criticized the Pharisees (Matthew 9:12-13)?

When you think of it that way, the phrase “Let go and let God” is simply a way of saying “I surrender all.” And choosing to make God the Lord of all my life is the way to experience His grace. Maybe that’s part of the willingness to “lose my life” that Jesus spoke about (Matthew 16:25). It’s about choosing wisely, and following carefully.

# Business Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2009

Church business meeting was called to order by Moderator Tommy Cecil. 18 members were present. Pastor Atwater led in prayer. The September 13, 2009 business meeting minutes were read. Reports were given and are attached (if hard copy available).

**Treasurer-**Pat Cecil- Treasurer’s report voted on and approved.

**Deacons-** Gene Williams- They have received nominations for Homecoming speaker and the decision will be made by October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Church Council-** John Cecil – They did not meet this month.

**Missions-** Judy Wiles on behalf of Robin Farrell- The Ronald McDonald House has a church that will be providing the Thanksgiving meal and a Jewish Synagogue that will be providing the December meal.

**AWANA -** Pat Cecil – AWANA started back and we are off to a good start. We had 42/44 kids in attendance and new kids have joined.

**Budget and Finance-** Robbie Smith- He called attention to the low amount of general fund contributions.

**Building and Grounds-** Kitchen Durham- The air conditioner in the fellowship hall has been repaired. The water treatment process will now be provided by Tom Pritchard at no charge except a lab fee of \$50. This is a cost savings of \$1800- \$1200 per year for the church. Greg Tilley, Terry Ward and Gordon Neville are working on a bid for better acoustics in the fellowship hall.

**Electronics-** Greg Williams- He is working on the laptop.

**Kitchen-** Hilda Durham – There will be a clean up day this Saturday morning. Suggestions on organization of the kitchen are welcome.

**Nominating-** Becky Smith – The nominating committee would like to nominate Tommy Cecil to replace Allyson Cecil on the Budget and Finance Committee. Voted on and approved.

**Tape Ministry-** Becky Smith- If you know of anyone who would like to receive tape recordings of the Sunday Worship services please let Mayling know.

**Youth-** Pat Cecil- They met this past week and Sunday School and Wednesday night’s are taken care of.

**No Reports:** Sunday School, Historian, Men’s Club, Benevolence, By-Laws, Cemetery, Discretionary Missions, Flower, Library, Music, Outreach, Nursery, Personnel Advisory, Usher, Van

**Old business-** Pastor Atwater stated that the Associational meeting is October 19<sup>th</sup> and another volunteer is welcome to attend. Gene Williams volunteered to attend.

John Cecil stated per Phillip at White Cross Fire Dept the cost of the defibrillator is \$1425 which includes a wall cabinet and an extra set of pads.

Greg Williams stated that the search committee for the Associate Minister of Youth and Children finalized the job description and will start advertising the position.

**New business -** Pastor Atwater stated that the State Convention is November 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> and we can send six messengers. He asked the church to approve himself and Gordon Neville to attend. Volunteers were asked for. There was no response. Motion made to approve any volunteers that come forth after the meeting, seconded, voted on and approved.

Motion made, seconded, voted on and passed to approve the minutes as corrected. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Dave Atwater- Pastor

Tommy Cecil- Moderator

Kim Dunn- Clerk

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